

NQM Draft Requirements List Questions and Answers

Question 56: (1) Regarding Section C-7.1.5 (of the draft requirements list): Would TRICARE consider a national health care accrediting body, who may have previously or could potentially in the future, provide health care accreditation services to a military treatment facility (MTF) as having a potential conflict of interest, as defined under Section C-7.1.5?

(2) Regarding Section C-7.1.5 (of the draft requirements list): Would TRICARE consider a national health care consulting organization, who may have previously or could potentially in the future, provide health care accreditation consulting services to a military treatment facility (MTF) as having a potential conflict of interest, as defined under Section C-7.1.5?

Response 56: With respect to Question 56, part 1, the Government would consider an accrediting body whose accreditation is in effect at an MTF to have a real or perceived conflict of interest.

With respect to Question 56, part 2, the Government believes that there is a perceived, if not real, conflict of interest.

Question 57: Please include in the RFP historical data (number and timeframes) for the following activities: reconsiderations, appeals, malpractice case reviews, and Internal/external case reviews.

Response 57: The Government will provide historical data when the RFP is released (anticipated in spring 2003).